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Walter J. Lack and his firm, Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack ("Lack Firm") submit this Statement of Support for Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy's Motion for Appointment of Interim Lead Counsel.

On November 6, 2007, the firms of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy ("Cotchett Firm") and Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack, representing plaintiffs Donald Wortman, William Adams and Margaret Garcia, filed a Class Action Complaint for Violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. The Cotchett and Lack Firms have successfully worked with one another on numerous legal cases over the past several years. The Lack Firm has specialized in a broad range of national and international high profile tort and commercial litigation matters, including major antitrust litigation relating to manipulation of the California Natural Gas Markets. The Lack Firm has a wide range of litigation experience in complex litigation, especially large complex class action lawsuits. Most recently, the Lack Firm was actively involved in major antitrust litigation relating to manipulation of the natural gas market in California:

- Natural Gas Anti-Trust Cases I, II, III & IV (Pipeline Cases). The "Pipeline Cases" were coordinated in San Diego County, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 and 4228. This case involved one of the largest antitrust class actions ever to be brought. The class action which originated out of the California Energy Crisis was brought as a result of restraints put on California electrical and gas market. So far, total settlements in excess of \$3.4 billion has been obtained on behalf of the aggrieved California class members.
- Natural Gas Anti-Trust Cases I, II, III & IV (Price Indexing Cases). The "Price Indexing Cases" likewise were coordinated in San Diego County, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 and 4228. This case involved another large antitrust class action arising out of the California Energy Crisis against the marketers of electricity. The suit alleged that the Defendants manipulated natural gas prices at the California border by a variety of means, including falsely reporting the prices and quantities of natural gas transactions. Settlements have been reached with the majority of the Defendants totaling approximately \$100 million dollars.

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The Cotchett Firm is known to us to be a highly qualified law firm handling numerous complex class action antitrust matters. The Lack Firm has extensive litigation experience in the aviation field, which provides it with unique knowledge regarding that industry.

Having worked well with the Cotchett Firm in the past, the Lack Firm fully supports Cotchett's Motion for Appointment as Interim Lead Counsel in the *Wortman*, et al. v. Air New Zealand, et al. Class Action Antitrust Litigation.

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